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### MALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

#### Dan Sultan

This young front man knows how to get a crowd rocking. Dan's first album *Homemade Biscuits* contained the track *Your Love is Like a Song*, which won Single of the Year at the 2007 Deadly Awards.

Since then, Dan has played with artists like Paul Kelly, Kev Carmody and Missy Higgins and appeared in the feature film *Bran Nue Dae*.

His second album, *Get Out While You Can* (2009) reached number one on the independent Australian charts, winning him two Deadly Awards as well as an ARIA in 2010.

#### Buddy Knox

Described as Australia's answer to BB King, Buddy Knox has been playing guitar since he was 10, and is the son of iconic Aboriginal musician Roger Knox of Euraba band fame.

In 2006, he formed the Buddy Knox Blues Band, which won the Best New Talent Category in the Australian Blues 'Chain' Awards at Goulburn in February 2009. He was also a finalist for the Best Male Vocal Category.

His debut album 'got da blues' (2008) won the Newcastle Blues Awards Album of the Year and Buddy has toured with big names such as the Warumpi Band, Troy Cassar Daley, Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody.

#### Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunipingu

Rolling Stone magazine called him "Australia's most important voice" after the release of his double platinum debut self-titled album - *Gurrumul* (2008).

His highly anticipated second studio album *Rrakala* was released this year to massive critical acclaim and international success. On this album Gurrumul has taken the next step in diversifying his musical prowess. His formidable instrumental abilities on drums, piano and nylon string acoustic and electric guitars shine through.

Gurrumul sings in the Yolngu language with his extraordinary and captivating voice. He was an integral member of Yothu Yindi and also plays with the hugely popular Saltwater Band.

#### Troy Cassar-Daley

Troy Cassar-Daley is one of the most loved and respected singer songwriters in Australian country music.

His career spans eight albums over 16 years, and he has been awarded four ARIA's on top of an amazing total of 21 Golden Guitars.

At last year's CMAA Golden Guitar awards, he won six out of the six categories he was nominated for with his album *I Love This Place*.

Over his career Troy has been awarded numerous other accolades including seven Deadlys, four CMAA Entertainer of the Year awards, and the 2008 Country Music Association of America Country Music Global Artist Award.

#### John Bennett

Western Australia's John Bennett has emerged as a singer/songwriter with an astounding ability to transport listeners to his home country and transcend cultural barriers.

Singing of country and connection to community, *Wangkaja* is the first single from his self-titled debut album.

Born in Derby, John lives on the remote lands of Karajarri country between the Indian Ocean and the Great Sandy Desert in the Kimberley region of WA. John speaks of the beauty of the land and sea that surround a remote Aboriginal community and the wonderful characters who populate it.

## MUSIC NOMINATIONS



Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunipingu

Troy Cassar-Daley

Dan Sultan

John Bennett

Buddy Knox



The Deadly Awards are a special event held every year to celebrate the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to their community and to Australian society.

You will recognise a lot of national and local role models at the Deadlys.

This year, Casey Donovan and Aaron Pedersen will host the awards together.

There are five nominations for Male Artist of the Year.



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## ACTIVITY 1 BUILDING READING SKILLS

- skimming and scanning for information
- reading headings, text boxes and pictures
- reading for meaning
- making connections between the text and your world

There are three levels of comprehension questions:

**Literal** The answer is located in one sentence in the text.

**Inferred** You need to make links between sentences and graphics (such as illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know.

**Applied** The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel.



Shade one bubble.

1. List the five nominees for this year's Male Artist of the Year Deadly Award. (literal)

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2. Which of these is **not** true? (inferred)

- Dan Sultan's first album was *Homemade Biscuits*.
- Buddy Know has been playing guitar since he was 10.
- Gurrumul* is the title of Gurrumul Yunipingu's second album.
- Troy Caser-Daley has put out eight albums in 16 years.

3. According to the text, what things does John Bennett sing about? (inferred)

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4. The way this text is written leads the reader to

- want to find out more about each of these singers.
- want to know who will win the Deadly Award for Male Artist of the Year.
- start singing.
- understand why the Deadlys are so popular. (applied)



## ACTIVITY 2 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - SPELLING

The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined.

Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.

1. Dan Sultan has apeered in movies.

2. He has been on the cuvver of a lot of magazines.

3. He has been nomminated many times.

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

1. He sings about his comunitie.

2. Are you going two the Deadlys?

3. They are all grate singers.

## ACTIVITY 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - GRAMMAR

Shade one bubble.

1. Which word correctly completes the sentence?

There will be lots of \_\_\_\_\_ on show at the Deadlys.

- entertainer  
 entertainment  
 entertains  
 entertained



## ACTIVITY 4 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – PUNCTUATION

**Shade one bubble.**

1. Some commas ( , ) have been left out of this sentence. Which sentence has the commas in the correct place?

- The nominees are Dan Sultan, Buddy Knox, Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunipingu, Troy Casser-Daly and John Bennett.
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2. Which sentence has both the apostrophes ( ' ) in the correct place?

- It isn't the first award hes' won.
- We do'nt know who will win this years' event.
- He's been described as Australia's answer to BB King.
- Ther'es always a lot to see at the Deadly's.

3. Each of these sentences has the final punctuation missing.

In which sentence is a question mark ( ? ) needed?

- I want to go to the Deadlys
- Will you go to the Deadlys with me
- I asked if we could go to the Deadlys
- I will tell dad to go to the Deadlys



## ACTIVITY 5 WRITING A BIOGRAPHY

A Biographical Recount retells the stages in a person's life.

This genre of text always starts with an **Orientation** to explain why the person is remembered, then gives a **Record of Stages** in the person's life (such as when and where they were born, growing up, school life, greatest career achievements etc).

**Choose a person who has been nominated for Male Artist of the Year to research further.**

**Use the grid below to record what you have found out.**

Person's name	
Where they were born	
When they were born	
Growing up - where they went to school, early life	
Career highlights	
Main achievements	

**When you write your Biography, think about:**

- examples, statistics, elaborations and other evidence to support your ideas.

**Remember to:**

- research your topic and plan your writing
- choose your information carefully
- give examples to support your information
- write in sentences
- pay attention to your spelling and punctuation
- use a new paragraph for each new idea
- check and edit your writing so that it is clear for a reader.